



AGENDA

WESTMINSTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 8200 Westminster Blvd.
September 27, 2011 – 6:00 PM

I. OPENING

- A. Salute to the Flag
- B. Roll Call: **Commissioners: Carey, Cruz, A. Nguyen, L. Nguyen, Robbins**
- C. Approval of Minutes – July 26, 2011

If a challenge is made by any party in court from actions arising out of items under consideration, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the meeting described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered at the meeting or prior thereto.

II. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- A. **T.C. 82-107**
Request for the Installation of Parking Restrictions on the South Side of Iroquois Road, East of Springdale
- B. **T.C. 75-134**
Request to Rescind Parking Restrictions at 5772 Garden Grove Boulevard

III. NEW BUSINESS

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

VI. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

VII. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. ITEMS COMMISSIONERS/STAFF MAY WISH TO DISCUSS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Traffic Commission members regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at the public counter at City Hall located at 8200 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, CA during normal business hours.



WESTMINSTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

City Council Chambers, 8200 Westminster Blvd.
Tuesday – July 26, 2011 at 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Westminster Traffic Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman Robbins on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 6:05 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 8200 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster, California.

SALUTE TO FLAG

Commissioner Cruz led the members of the audience in the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Diana Carey, Gilbert Cruz, Linh Nguyen and Ken Robbins

Commissioners Absent: Andrew Nguyen

Staff Present: Adolfo Ozaeta, Associate Civil Engineer; Corporal Mark Lauderback, Police Department and Veronica Johnson, Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Traffic Commission's regular meeting of June 28, 2011 were approved (3-0).

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

The first item to be considered at this evening's meeting was T.C. 77-142, Request for on-street disabled parking at 5852 Gloucester Circle.

T.C. 77-142 5852 Gloucester

Mr. Ozaeta informed the Commission that John Patterson, 5852 Gloucester Circle, visited City Hall and requested staff to identify one area in front of his residence for on-street disabled parking.

The City complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and adopted criteria for on-street disabled parking, upon request, from those in possession of a disability placard.

Mr. Ozaeta directed attention to Exhibit A which exemplified ample parking for the resident's vehicle in the drive way and existing garage. Staff encourages residents to utilize their driveway and garage for parking their vehicles and not for storage. Staff assessed the location and found that Mr. Patterson does make use of his parking spaces and that it would be easier to navigate to his front door from his driveway or garage rather than from the street.

STAFF'S

RECOMMENDATION Staff's recommendation was to deny the request for installation of on-street disabled parking in front of 5852 Gloucester Circle.

Commissioner Carey questioned if Mr. Patterson possessed a permanent placard and Mr. Ozaeta explained the it is indeed a permanent placard.

Vice Chairman Robbins questioned if staff placed a smart level at the location and Mr. Ozaeta explained they did not. Vice Chairman Robbins added that it does not appear to be more than a 4% grade.

John Patterson, 5852 Gloucester Circle, spoke in favor of the parking restrictions in front of his residence because he is 100% disabled. He has trouble standing, walking and breathing as his condition is getting worse. His son also has problems parking on the weekends due to the neighbors occupying all of the street parking. He requested 15 feet of on-street parking restrictions because his vehicle doors are too heavy for him and they swing back due to the incline in the driveway.

Jason Smith, 5831 Gloucester Circle, spoke in favor of the parking restrictions because his truck is too large to fit in his driveway; therefore, he has to park in the street. It is larger than Mr. Patterson's and understands that it is very difficult to park. He supports the 15 feet of restrictions for Mr. Patterson and does not believe it will be a hardship for the neighbors.

Commissioner Carey questioned if the parking is full on the weekends and Mr. Smith explained it is absolutely packed. He does not drive his truck on the weekend because he will not have a place to park; therefore, he will only drive his wife's car because it fits in the driveway.

Mr. Ozaeta informed the Commission that he had received four phone calls from residents in opposition to the request.

Commissioner Cruz explained that if a disabled parking spot was installed it would not be strictly for Mr. Patterson's use; it would be a space available for anyone who is disabled. There is sufficient parking in the driveway and he does not believe one space should be locked up as it will affect the other residents. The streets belong to the public.

Commissioner Carey added that Mr. Patterson's driveway is larger than a normal two car garage in the area. It appears that a truck and another larger car could be parked in the driveway and there would be enough room to get in and out with the doors open.

Commissioner L. Nguyen reiterated that everyone has their own parking habits. He agrees with Commissioner Cruz and believes a reserved disabled space may infringe on the parking in the area. Mr. Patterson's driveway appears to have an extended area of concrete for anyone in the household to park.

Vice Chairman Robbins questioned Mr. Patterson if he ever backs in to his driveway as this assists with the doors staying open.

MOTION

Commissioner Carey moved to approve Staff's Recommendation to deny the request for on-street disabled parking at 5852 Gloucester Circle, seconded by Commission L. Nguyen.

VOTE

The motion was carried by a 4-0 vote with Chairman A. Nguyen being absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Carey had some concerns with the Bolsa Chica Median Island Improvements and Mr. Ozaeta explained that signs will be placed at major entry points without polluting the entire corridor and reflective markers will also be placed at every nose.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Cruz informed staff that 206 Hospital Circle was repainted; however, there is graffiti again. Mr. Ozaeta explained Code Enforcement is working with the property owner to implement more lighting or a gate in the area as the graffiti seems to reappear over night.

**INFORMATION
& REPORTS**

There were no "Information and Reports" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

**ORAL
COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no "Oral Communications" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

**WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no "Written Communications" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.

**ITEMS
COMMISSIONERS
MAY WISH TO
DISCUSS**

Commissioner Carey reported her neighbor had sent her an email to implement a neighborhood watch because gang members are throwing eggs on vehicle windshields, thus, when the driver uses their windshield wipers it smears and they cannot see and that's when they get robbed. The Commission further commented on additional potential risks.

Commissioner L. Nguyen reported that a street light is out in front of his house and another one on the corner of Bolsa and Purdy, for approximately six months. Mr. Ozaeta informed him that Southern California Edison is responsible for the street lights and will place a work order to the service planner on his behalf.

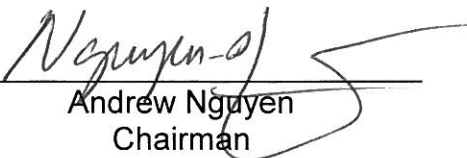
**ITEMS STAFF MAY
WISH TO DISCUSS**

Mr. Ozaeta questioned Commissioner Carey if she would be available to revisit the striping with All American Asphalt and she answered that she would. Mr. Ozaeta further explained that they are pursuing other alternatives for striping to be placed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrew Nguyen
Chairman

Veronica Johnson
Secretary

September 27, 2011

TO: Traffic Commission

SUBJECT: T.C. 82-107

Request for Parking Restrictions on the South Side of Iroquois Road, East of Springdale Street

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Traffic Commission deny the request for parking restrictions on the south side of Iroquois Road to the east of Springdale Street.

DISCUSSION

Staff received a written request from Mr. John Pumphrey (6131 Iroquois Road), to install parking restrictions on the south side of Iroquois Road for a distance of 68 feet to the east of Springdale Street. Mr. Pumphrey believes that there is not enough room to safely perform a right turn maneuver from Springdale Street onto Iroquois Road when vehicles are parked on Iroquois Road.

Staff performed several site visits to observe the traffic conditions of the streets in question, researched accident records and speed surveys at the study location as part of the engineering analysis.

Exhibit A illustrates the study vicinity and adjacent land uses.

A new state-of-the-art traffic signal was recently installed at the intersection of Springdale Street and Iroquois Road. The lane designations on Iroquois Road were not modified as a result of the installation. Iroquois Road is 36 feet wide; the approach and departure lanes are 18 feet wide.

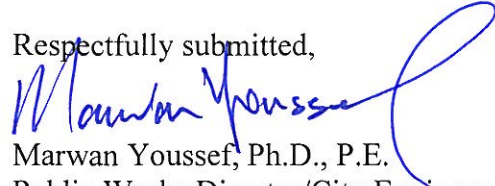
The City of Westminster Standard Plans requires that residential streets with parking be a minimum of 36 feet wide; each approach shall consist of a ten foot travel lane with eight feet of parking. The subject location is in compliance with the City's standard plans.

The Traffic Engineering Division considers on-street parking to be a commodity. Contrary to past trends, today, most households own and operate more than one vehicle. The City must carefully consider the removal of on-street parking for safety concerns, while protecting on-street parking as the demand for parking continues to increase across the City. Two issues come into play when considering the removal of on-street parking. Is the elimination of on-street parking due to a safety concern or driver comfort?

Staff recommends that the Traffic Commission deny the request for parking restrictions on the south side of Iroquois Road to the east of Springdale Street. The removal of on-street parking would impact parking conditions in the area. The single family home located at 13372 Springdale Street would lose the adjacent on-street parking on Iroquois Road. This home recently lost adjacent parking on Springdale Street as a result of the traffic signal installation and related lane re-designation on Springdale Street.

Local residents were notified of tonight's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marwan Youssef, Ph.D., P.E.

Public Works Director/City Engineer

By:

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Adolfo Ozaeta, P.E., T.E.

Traffic Engineer

Attachments:

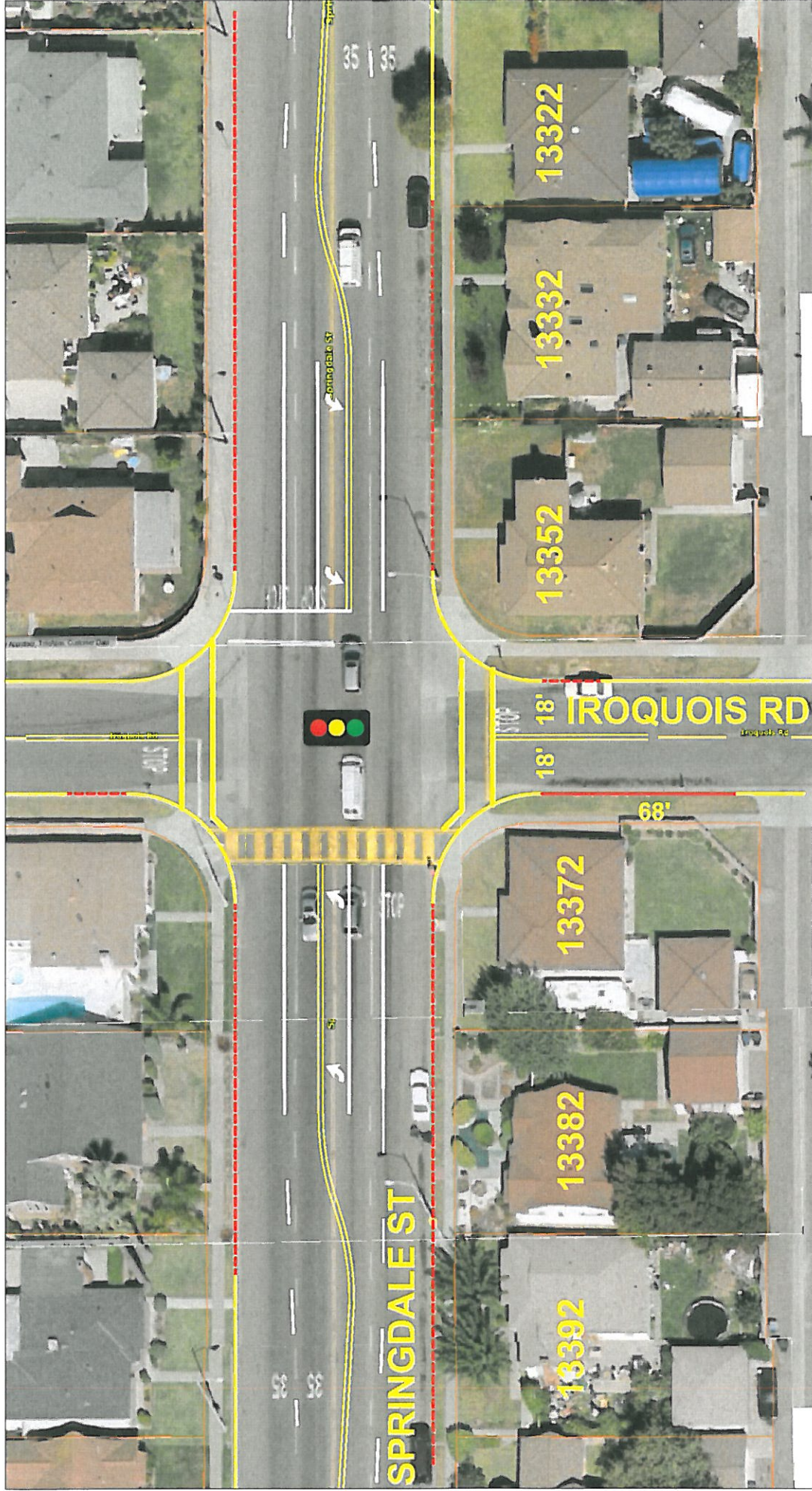
Exhibit A

Letter Request from Resident



NOT TO SCALE

REQUEST FOR PARKING RESTRICTIONS SPRINGDALE STREET AND IROQUOIS ROAD



TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION

Drawn by: H. PHAM

September 27, 2011

EXHIBIT A



SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION
(UNDER CONSTRUCTION)



EXISTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS



PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Ozaeta, Adolfo

From: FLATUJOHN@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 10:20 AM
To: Ozaeta, Adolfo
Subject: Request for red painted curb

Dear Mr. Ozaeta,

I live near the intersection of Iroquois Rd. and Springdale St. All of the curbs leading away from this intersection are painted red except for the southeast curb. Invariably when I turn onto Iroquois Rd. from Springdale St. there will be one or two cars parked between Springdale St. and the alley. In my estimation this is a safety hazard, as it causes a "choke point" if another car or two is going in the opposite direction.

Your consideration for painting this short section of curb red will gain this old man's appreciation.

Sincerely,

John Pumphrey
6131 Iroquois Rd.
Westminster, CA 92683
714-893-4425

PS My wife and I have lived continuously at this address since March 14, 1959 (52+ years) and have never requested any extra service from my city. Thank you

September 27, 2011

TO: Traffic Commission

SUBJECT: T.C. 75-134

Request to Rescind Parking Restrictions at 5772 Garden Grove Boulevard

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Traffic Commission deny the request to rescind parking restrictions at 5772 Garden Grove Boulevard.

DISCUSSION

Staff received a verbal request from Mr. Vince Allen of Los Alisos Mobile Home Estates, to rescind parking restrictions on the south side of Garden Grove Boulevard at Via Porto Driveway and Via Los Alisos Driveway. It has been requested that parking be eliminated to the west of Via Porto Driveway for a distance of 175 feet; and to the west and east of Los Alisos Driveway for a distance of 153 feet and 98 feet, respectively. The property management at Los Alisos Mobile Home Estates would like to increase the on-street parking supply in the area.

Staff performed several site visits to observe the traffic conditions of the streets in question, researched accident records and speed surveys at the study location as part of the engineering analysis.

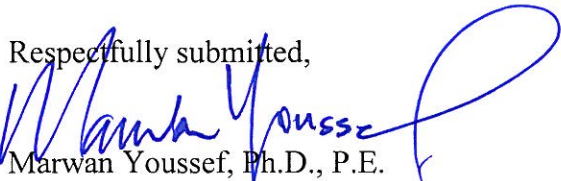
Exhibit A illustrates the study vicinity and adjacent land uses.

The 85th percentile speed for Garden Grove Boulevard is 46.9 miles per hour. The driveways service a significant number of vehicles; they are the main points of ingress/egress for Los Alisos Mobile Home Estates. The existing parking restrictions were installed incrementally over time at the request of Los Alisos Mobile Home Estates, to enhance sight visibility for drivers exiting the aforementioned driveways. The rescinding of parking at the subject locations will result in decreased sight visibility.

Staff recommends that the Traffic Commission deny the request to rescind the proposed parking restrictions.

Local residents were notified of tonight's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Marwan Youssef, Ph.D., P.E.
Public Works Director/City Engineer

By:


Adolfo Ozaeta, P.E., T.E.
Traffic Engineer

Attachments: Exhibit A



NOT TO SCALE

REQUEST TO RESCIND PARKING RESTRICTIONS

5772 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD

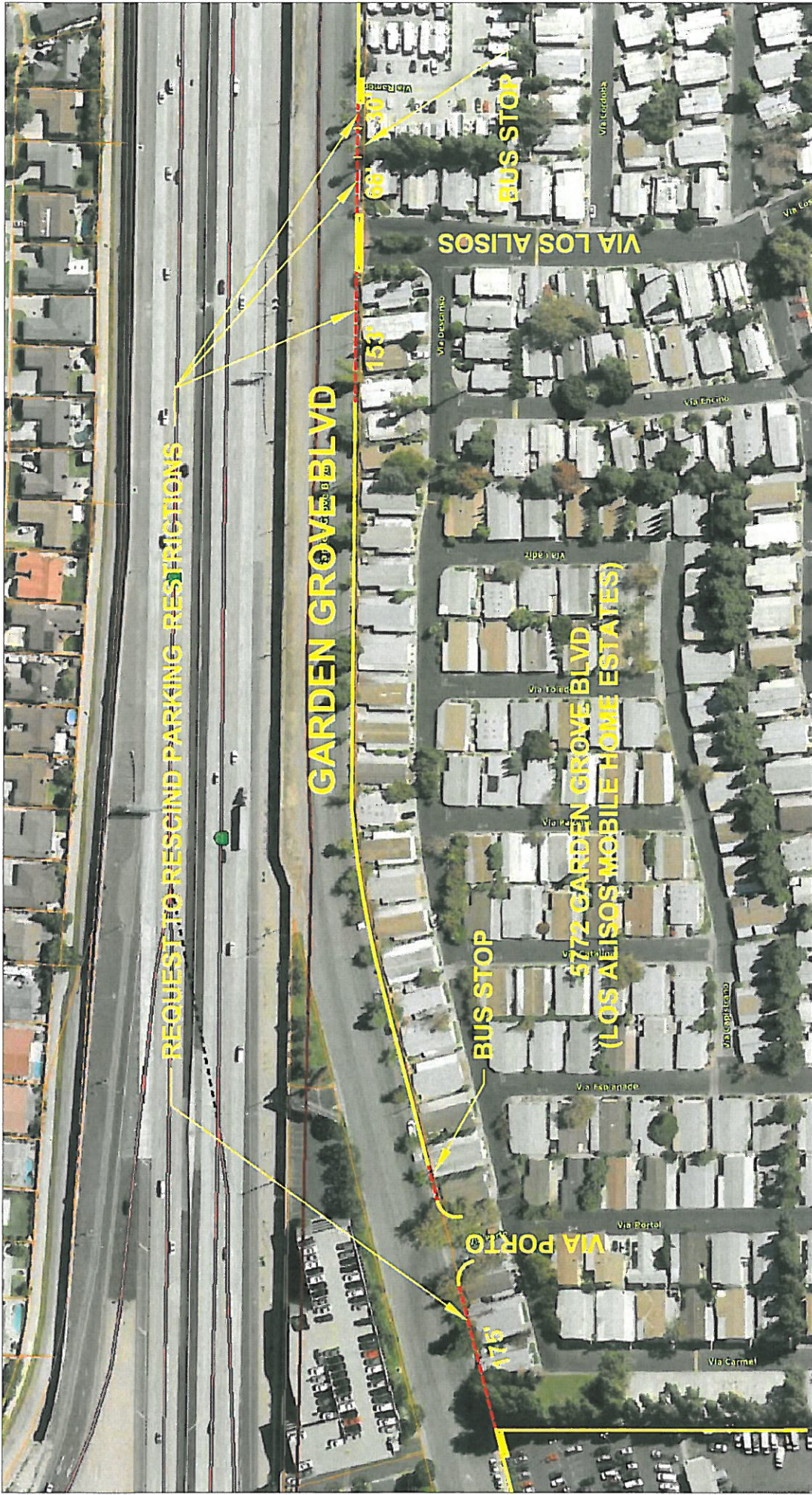


EXHIBIT A



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September 27, 2011

--- EXISTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS